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SUBJ: ARMS SALES TO UPPER VOLTA

REF: 76 STATE 310517

1. SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING OFFICIALLY FROM GOUV REGARDING SHOPPING LIST OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TRANSMITTED BY PRESIDENT LAMIZANA UNDER COVER OF HIS LETTER TO ME OF DECEMBER 14, 1976. MAJOR DAKOURE IS STILL IN FRANCE AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT HE WILL SOON RETURN TO UPPER VOLTA. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT ALSO HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY WORD SUCH AS A POSSIBLE LETTER MENTIONED LAST TWO SENTENCES PARA SEVEN REFTEL.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, FINANCE MINISTER KALMOGO HAS CASUALLY REFERRED TO THE SHOPPING LIST. AT ONE TIME HE REMARKED THAT, AS FINANCE MINISTER, HE WOULD NEVER APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A C-130 FOR SOME 11 MILLION DOLLARS. HE SAID UPPER VOLTA SIMPLY COULD NOT AFFORD SUCH EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT. ON ONE OTHER OCCASION, HE SAID THAT UPPER VOLTA'S TOP PRIORITY NEEDS WERE INCLUDED IN ANNEX 2 OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S LETTERS (TRUCKS AND JEEPS). HE ADDED THAT THESE ITEMS WOULD BE ESSENTIAL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMY'S CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS.

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3. IN RECENT CONVERSATION, ROK CHARGE STATED THAT FORMER FINANCE MINISTER SANFO (NOW IS CHARGE OF ARMY LOGISTICS) HAD GONE TO SEOUL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO PURCHASE MILITARY UNIFORMS, SHOES, SOCKS, UNDERWEAR, ETC., FOR A TOTAL OF 500,000 DOLLARS. HE SAID THAT ROK GOVERNMENT HAD SEEN TO IT THAT PRIVATE KOREAN FIRM WHICH HANDLED THE PURCHASE HAD GIVEN SANFO A GOOD PRICE. IF THE ROK CHARGE'S INFO IS CORRECT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT

MANY OF THE ITEMS INCLUDED IN ANNEX 1 TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
LETTER HAVE ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED.  
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